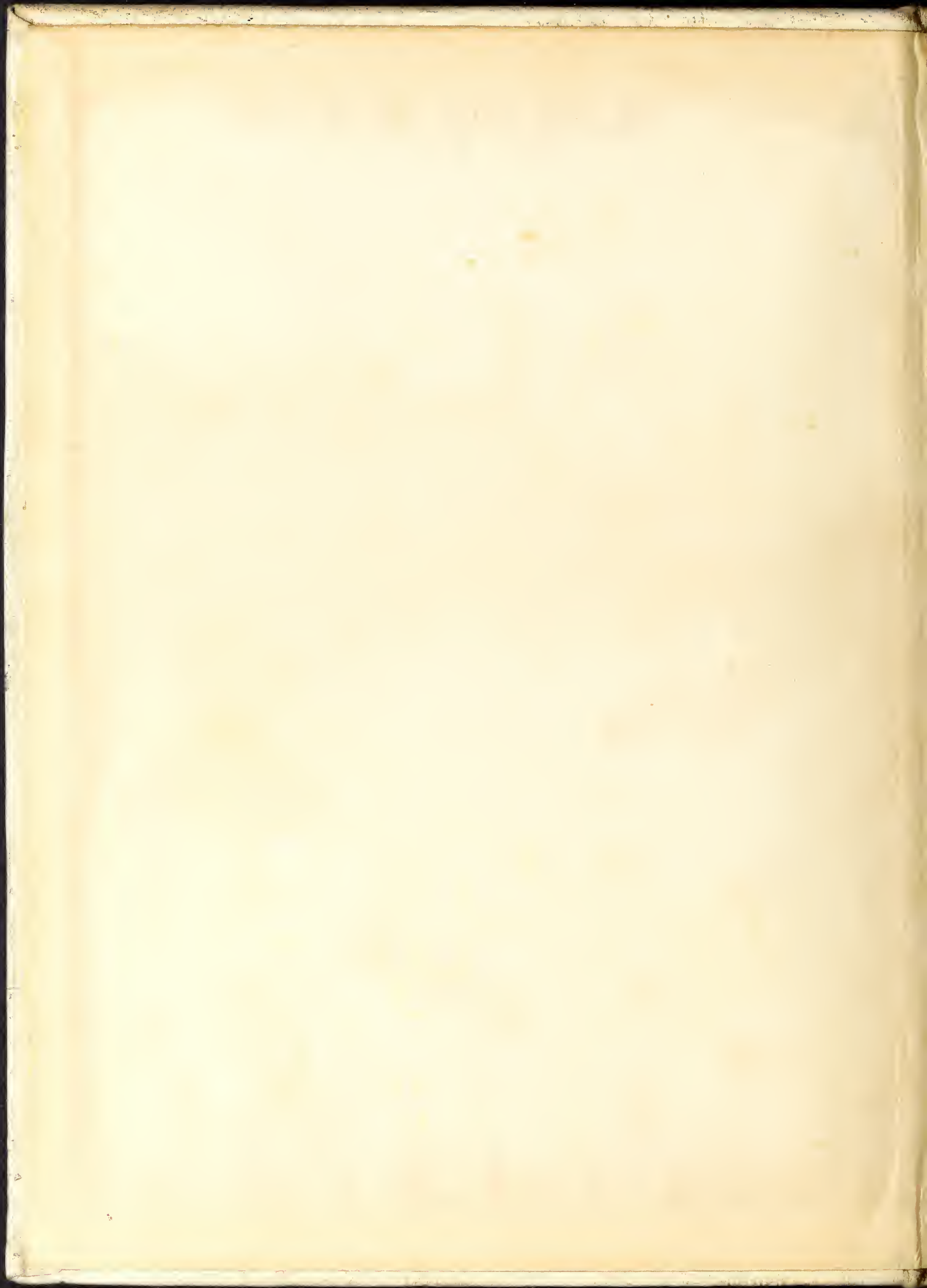
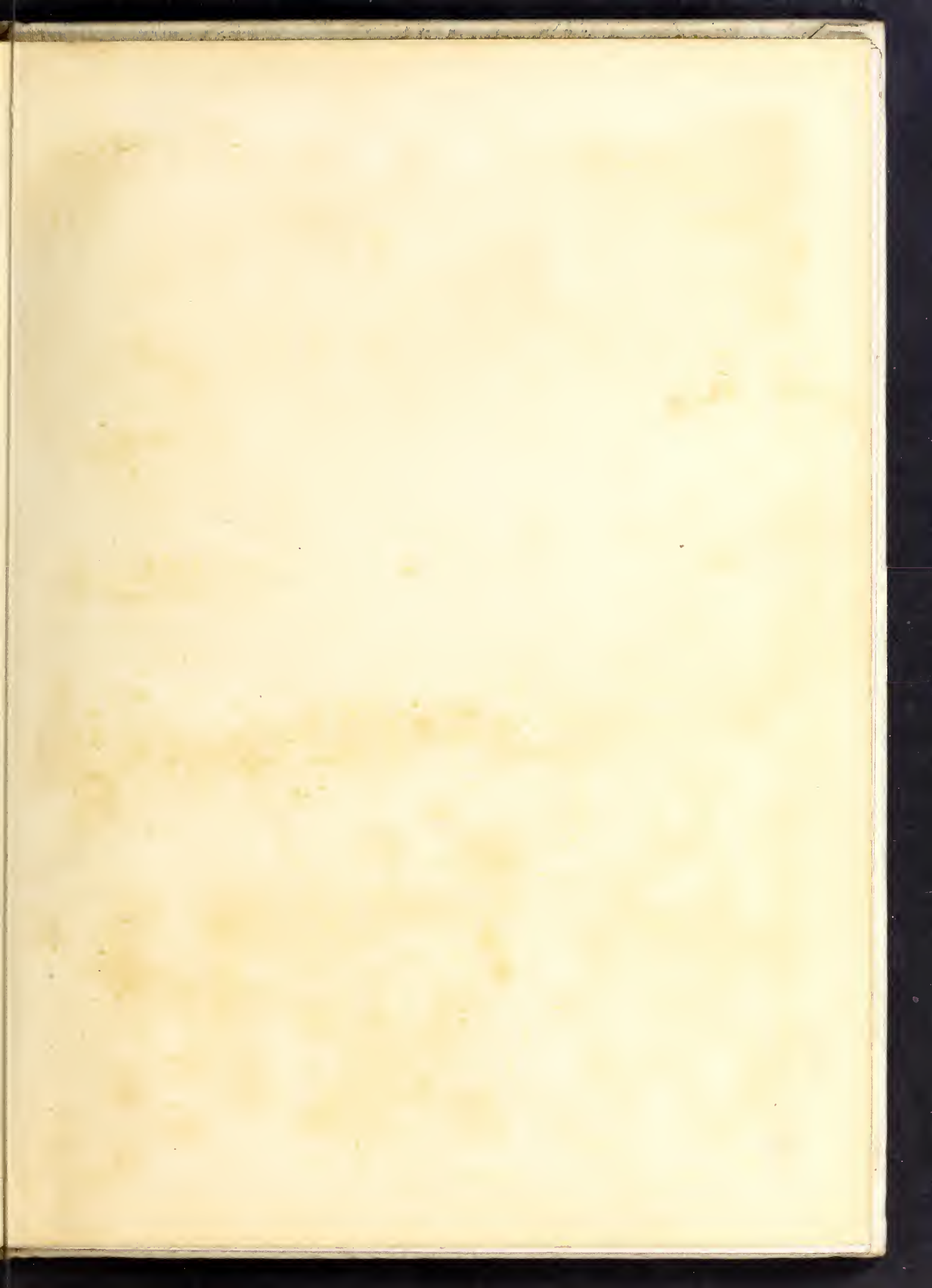


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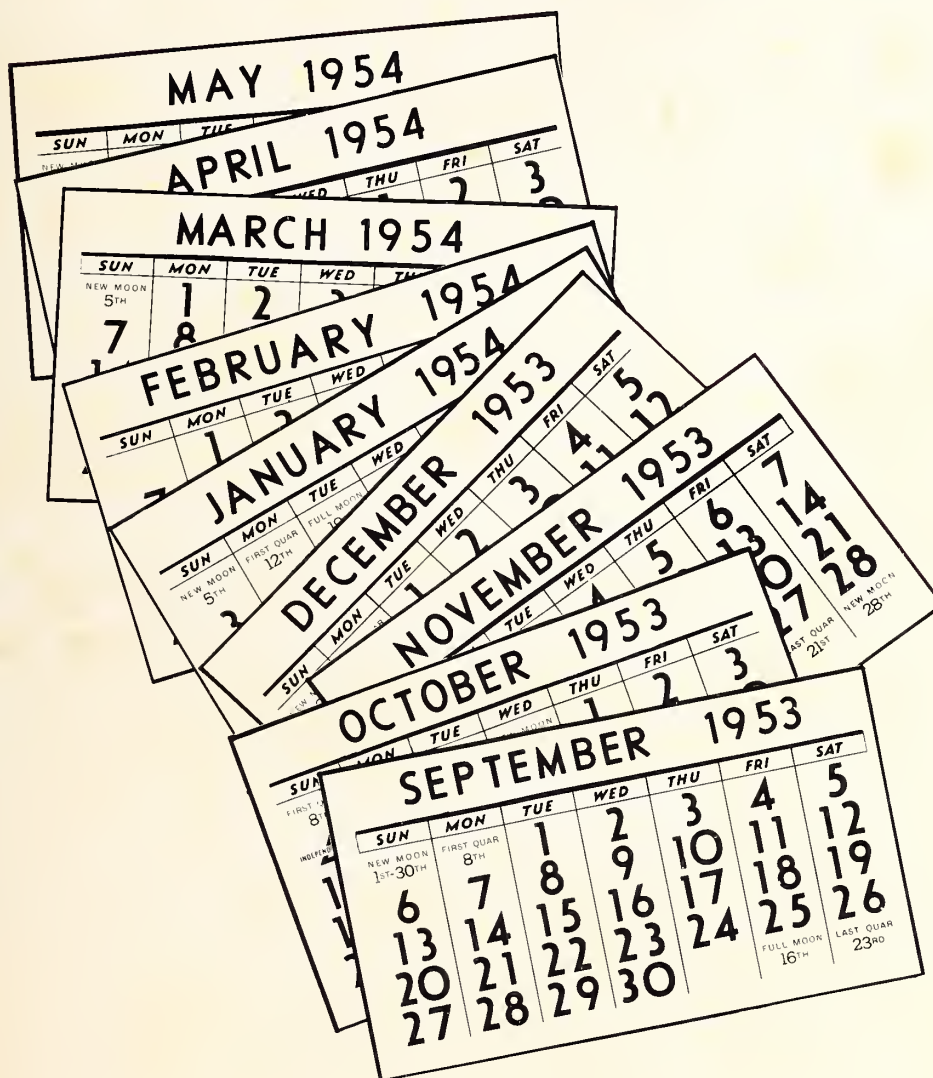








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## FOREWORD

Here in review for all to examine is the 1954 GRIFTONIAN. We, the seniors, realize that the knowledge and experiences we take from Grifton High School are more important than the things we leave behind. However, we know that our records are left behind not only on paper but in our own minds.

It is with pride that we present this record of our activities. We hope that in the days to come each of you may look at this, our annual, and recall with pride your days in Grifton High School.

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It is with great affection and respect that we dedicate this annual to our beloved teacher, MRS. JOHN BUNCH; and to our former classmate, MYRTLE DEAN WAINWRIGHT STOKES.





# FACULTY



E. B. BRIGHT  
Principal



MRS. JOHN BUNCH  
English, Commerce



MRS. PAUL BRADLEY  
Math, English, History



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MRS. C. E. JONES  
Home Economics

MRS. PAUL BRAXTON  
Eighth Grade, Glee Club

ADRIAN BROWN  
Science, Phys. Ed.

MRS. A. C. FLETCHER  
Eighth Grade, French





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Sixth Grade

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Fifth Grade

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Third Grade



MISS HAZEL PATRICK  
Second Grade

MRS. PRESTON TRACEY  
First Grade



MRS. VANCE ABBOTT  
First Grade

## NOT PICTURED:

MISS BERTHA JOHNSON  
Fourth Grade

MRS. WILLIAM GLASGOW  
Second and Third Grade

MRS. GEORGE SUGG  
School Cafeteria Manager



**BETTY BOSWELL**  
Business Manager



**PHYLLIS JACKSON**  
Editor-in-Chief



**ARGENT TUCKER**  
Associate Editor

## ANNUAL STAFF





# CLASS HISTORY

As we, the Senior Class of '54 open the "Grifftonian", we recall a few memories of our past school days. Let's begin with 1949 when we entered high school as an awkward, proud bunch of Freshmen and learned that Mrs. Bunch was to be our class advisor. Through her guidance and our efforts, we began developing our awkward, clumsy characteristics to blend in with the ways of high school life. Joyce Dennis proved her academic inclinations by obtaining the highest scholastic average and receiving the English Award for having the highest English average.

As Sophomores, we elected our class officers who were: Bill Jackson-President, Edna McLawhorn Lewis-Vice President, and Phyllis Jackson-Secretary. Mr. Brown our patient advisor helped us through Biology as well as open a small bank account by selling peanuts and cake chances at Basketball games. This year ended with Phyllis Jackson receiving the English Award, Bernard McLawhorn the Agriculture Award, and Joyce Dennis representing our class on the marshall staff.

1951 opened our Junior year with Mrs. Bunch as our advisor. We had at last become "Privileged Juniors" and we settled down to the task by electing class officers who were: Bernard McLawhorn-President, Bobby Cole-Vice President, Joyce Dennis-Secretary, and Phyllis Jackson-Treasurer. Another problem which confronted us was the annual Junior-Senior Banquet. We decided to have a combination Banquet and Dance. In order to make it a success, we sold Christmas cards, operated a concession at Basketball games and after many hours of practice presented the play-- "Never Darken My Door." Phyllis Jackson served as Assistant Editor and Bill Jackson Assistant Business Manager to this year's edition of the "Grifftonian." The year ended with our reliables, Joyce Denis and Phyllis Jackson as marshalls.

As school opened this year we found that we were dignified seniors at last, our goal for the past 11 years. The first thing we did was to re-elect Bernard McLawhorn-President, Phyllis Jackson-Treasurer, and Betty Boswell-Secretary. As soon as our class arrangements were completed, we began planning for our edition of the "Grifftonian" by electing Phyllis Jackson--Editor-in-Chief and Betty Boswell--Business Manager. As a means of making money we sold stationary and presented a play. To climax our senior year we are planning a trip to Washington. After our school days are over we will separate to seek the fortunes of life, but I'm certain that each of us can look back and say that school days were the happiest days of our lives.

Class Historian  
Mac Lancaster





# CLASS PROPHECY

The seats here in "Royal Stadium", which by the way, received its name from the donor, Sam Royal Gooding, who is now an official of the local dacron plant, are rapidly filling. It is expected that the stadium will be filled to its capacity of 2,000 for the annual homecoming football game between Grifton and Ayden high schools. These two schools were once great rivals, but now they are such great friends that I doubt very seriously that the services of that famous physican, Dr. Bob Cole, will even be needed. This great friendship has been established through the utmost efforts of Principal of Grifton High School, Bernard McLawhorn, and Agriculture teacher of Ayden High School, Frank Vandiford.

The crowd quietens as Mr. McLawhorn welcomes the students and alumni.

The coaches give their teams last minute instructions, and the game is on. Coach of the Grifton team by the way, is none other than Fred Rhodes.

Half of the game is over, and Grifton leads 13-0. As I look over the huge crowd I see several members of the 1954 graduating class; it hardly seems possible that it has been 10 years since we were all in high school at dear old Grifton. There are Mrs. Rex Lewis and Mrs. Billy Lewis, if you need a manicure or shampoo just drop in at the Lewis Beauty Shoppe, located on the corner of Pitt and Main.

Two young men on the opposite side of the stadium seem to be attracting quite a lot of attention; the crowd around them is so thick I can't tell who it is---oh, it's Bill Jackson and Mac Lancaster showing off, as usual (same old Bill and Mac). These two young men have gone into business together and now own a chain of drug stores all over Eastern North Carolina. I understand they are very eligible bachelors. Talking to them are Harriet Stocks and Dean Butler; Harriet is now head of the infirmary at ECC, and Dean is head dietician.

Looking across the field I see Phyllis Haddock and Betty Boswell talking together. Betty, along with her duties as head bookkeeper of Sears and Roebuck, is still yearning for attention from that eligible bachelor, whose name I shall keep secret. I guess Phyllis and Betty were comparing work; you see, Phyllis is head bookkeeper of Montgomery Wards.

Dr. Cole has just been called up to the stadium on the other side to some poor woman who has apparently suffered a heart attack from the excitement. Why, that poor woman is none other than Joyce Dennis, Dean of Women at East Carolina College.

Colleen Braxton has just entered the stadium, better late than never I guess. She is still having much success playing professional basketball with Haines Hosiery, I understand she is now captain of the team.

Just before the game I saw Alvis Harris who was unable to attend. He was preparing to leave for Cincinnati, where he owns a large hotel. This needed his attention more than the football game.

That nice looking man in uniform with all those medals, who just passed by, is General William Purser. He is now commander in the Far East.

Beulah Burroughs, who is in China on a religious mission, was also unable to attend.

Well, the game has just ended with Grifton the victor. I guess Ayden will never be able to pull themselves up to Grifton's athletic standards.

I have only one thing more to say before leaving you, that is--"When troubled, worried, or in doubt, consult Madame Jackson; she tells all without asking any questions."

Prophetess  
Phyllis Jackson



## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



Phyllis Jackson, Treasurer; Bernard McLawhorn, President; Betty Boswell, Secretary.

## MASCOTS



Joyce Bunch and Clayburn Gooding



# Seniors



# 1954



**BETTY BOSWELL**  
Glee Club 2, 3; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 4; Class Secretary 4; Annual Staff 4.

**COLLEEN BRAXTON**  
Basketball 1, 2, 3; 4; Captain 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3.



**BEULAH BURROUGHS**  
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3.

**MARJORIE DEAN BUTLER**  
Glee Club 1; Cheerleader 4; Class Secretary 2; F. H. A. 4; Softball 2.





# Seniors

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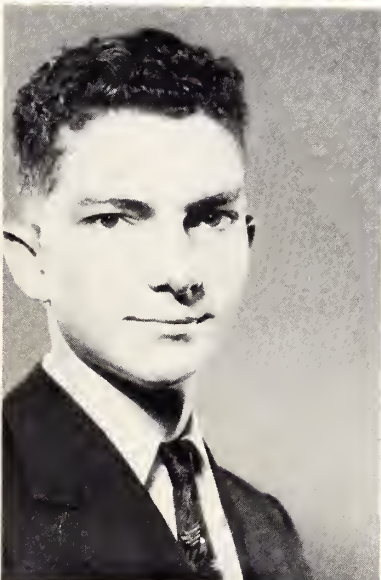
**BOBBY COLE**

Class Vice-President 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 4.



**JOYCE DENNIS**

Basketball 1; Dramatics 3; Marshal 2, 3; Scholastic Award 1; English Award 1.

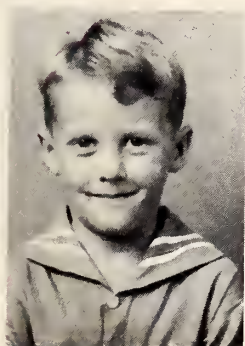


**SAM GOODING**

F. F. A. 1, 2, 4; Bus Driver 4.

**PHYLLIS HADDOCK**

F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2; Dramatics 3; Softball 2, 3, 4.

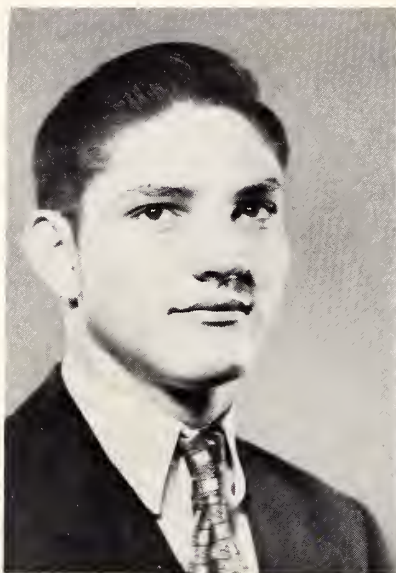




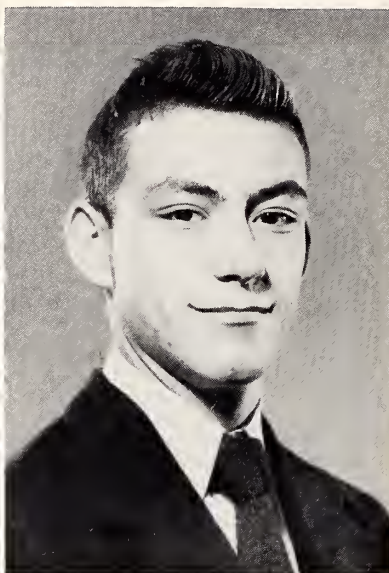
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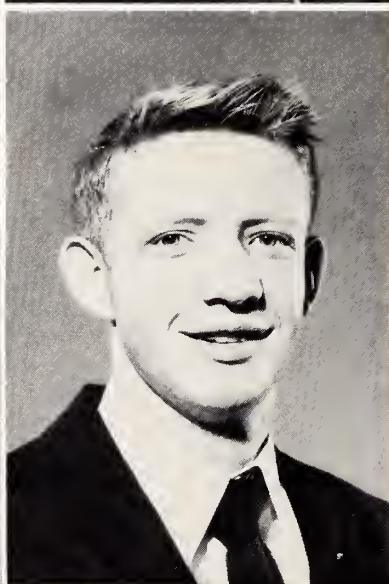
**ALVIS HARRIS**  
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.



**BILL JACKSON**  
Basketball 2, 3; Class President 2; Annual Staff 3; Dramatics 3; Good Conduct Award 1; Crack-Platoon 1.



**PHYLLIS JACKSON**  
Basketball 1, 2, Co-Captain 2; Softball 1, 2; Class Treasurer 2, 3, 4; Teen-Age Club Treasurer 3; English Award 3; Dramatics 3; Annual Staff 3, 4, Editor 4.



**MAC LANCASTER**  
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 4; Baseball 3, 4; Dramatics 3.





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*Best of all*

## EDNA LEWIS

Class Vice-President 2; Softball 2, 3; F. H. A. 2, 4; Dramatics 3.

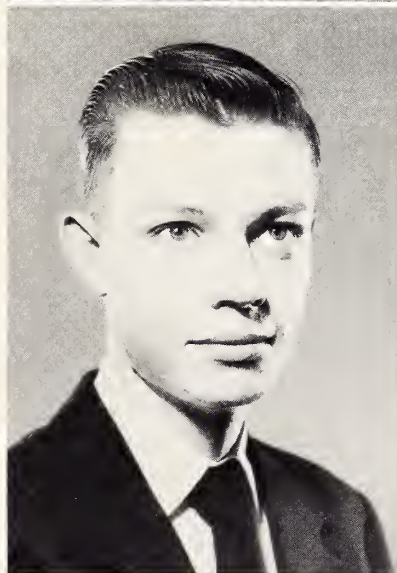


## GERTRUDE LEWIS

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; F. H. A. 4; Dramatics 3; Library Staff 3.

## BERNARD McLAWHORN

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Class President 3, 4; Teen-Age Club President 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 4; Dramatics 3; Agriculture Award 2; Bus Driver 4.



## WILLIAM PURSER

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 2.

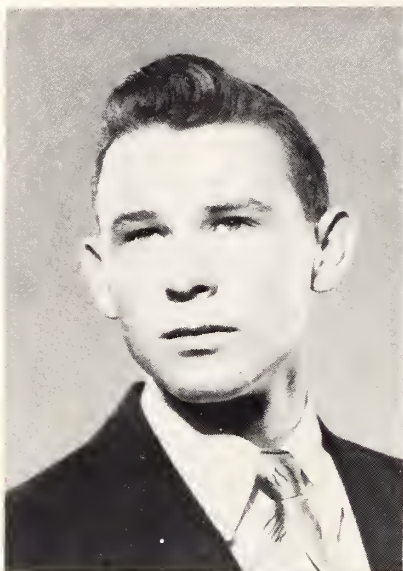




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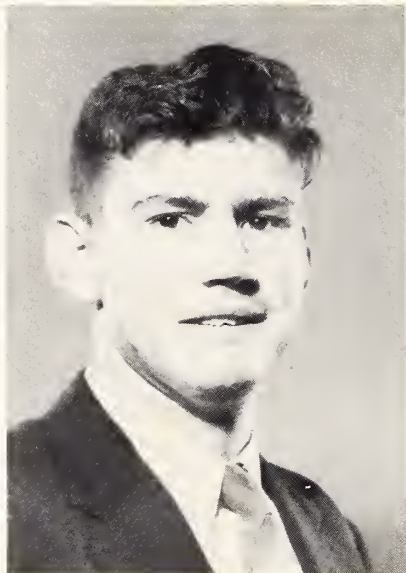


# 1954



**FRED RHODES**  
Basketball 3; Bus Driver 4; F.  
F. A. 1, 3, 4.

**HARRIET MARIE STOCKS**  
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club  
1, 2, 3; 4-H Club 1; Softball  
1, 2; Cheerleader 3, 4.



**FRANK VANDIFORD**  
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.



# LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class of 1954, Grifton High School, Pitt County, do hereby state this our last will and testament.

Article I: To Mr. Bright our Principal, we wish to express our thanks for helping us through our Senior year.

Article II: To the faculty members we leave our appreciation for their patience and gentleness toward us.

Article III: To the Junior Class, we leave our dignified ways, and the honor of sponsoring the Griftonian. To the Sophomores, the seniors ability to play basketball. To the Freshmen, we leave our talkative ways.

Article IV: Our individual bequests are as follows:

Since small figures are so attractive, Betty Boswell leaves her weight to Merle Mills. We think Wayne Ervin is mighty lucky, because Mac Lancaster leaves him his appetite. Beulah Burroughs leaves a few of her quite ways to Geraldine Adams; maybe Dora Mae can get a word in now.

To keep Grifton on the winning side Colleen Braxton leaves her basketball capabilities to Peggy Dixon.

Bernard McLawhorn is wondering where he will go nights after school, since he is leaving his ability to go steady to Robert Reaves.

Since Edna and Gertrude Lewis already have their wedding rings, they leave their charms to Dawn Smith.

To help Peggy Buck out in the office next year, Joyce Dennis leaves her efficiency. Not because Pat Stokes needs any gift in neatness, but because Bill Jackson likes her, he leaves all of his ideas concerning the subject.

Bill Burroughs should consider himself very fortunate, as Sam Gooding has decided to leave him his curly hair.

To help Marlene Dudley be Chief Marshall next year, Phyllis Jackson leaves her some of her A's.

Maybe good looks has a little to do with going through school so quickly. If so, Robert Butler, watch out, you will be graduating soon, because Bobby Cole leaves his good looks to you.

To Jo Ann Hardison, in order for her to enjoy her high school days, Harriet Stocks wishes to leave her silly giggles.

Frederick Rhodes leaves his reckless driving to Billy Harris; Good luck Billy.

To Bob McCotter, Franklin Vandiford leaves his trick of looking innocent when caught in mischief.

Phyllis Haddock leaves her baby ways to Alfred Boswell. Maybe Alfred will act his age now.

Thinking Ronald McGlohon takes everything as a joke, Alvis Harris and Marjorie Dean Butler leave their serious ways to him, hoping he will settle down during his senior year.

William Purser leaves his abilities to anyone who can find them, hoping the finder will be Worth Craft.

Signed by--Senior Class of 1954  
Joyce Dennis





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BEST SPORTS



MOST TALENTED



MOST STUDIOUS



*Senior*



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NEATEST



**MOST POPULAR**



**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**



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**BEST-ALL-AROUND**



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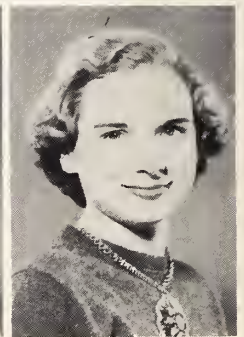
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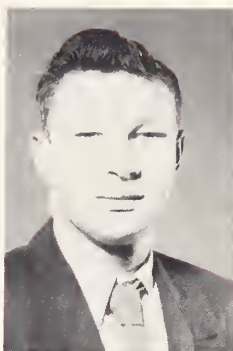
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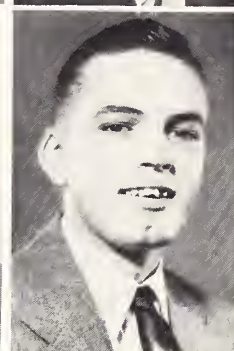
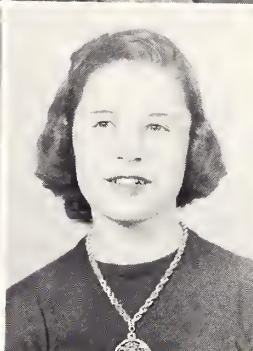
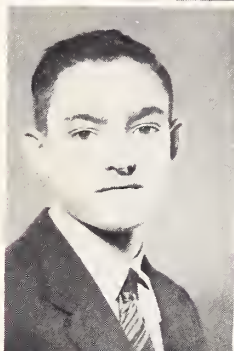


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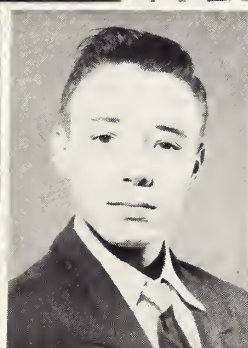
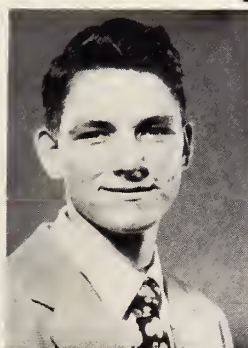
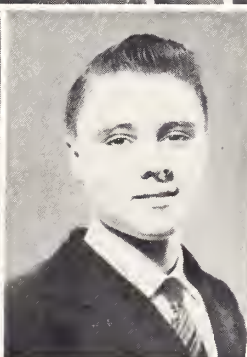
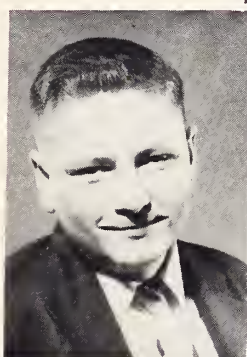
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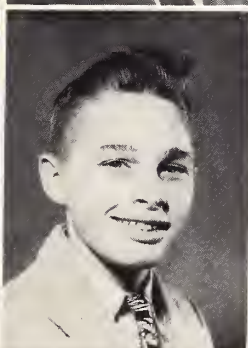
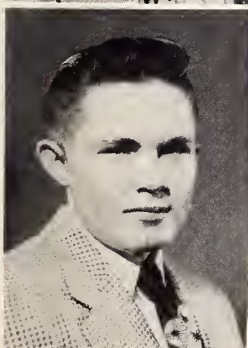
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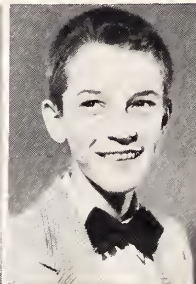


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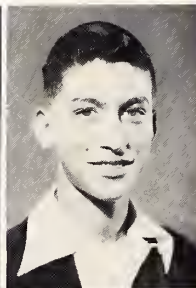
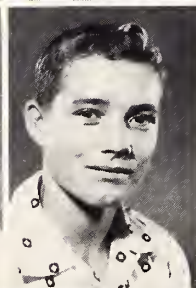
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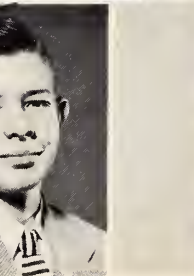
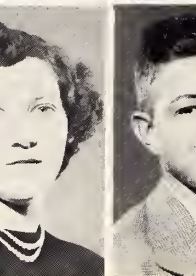
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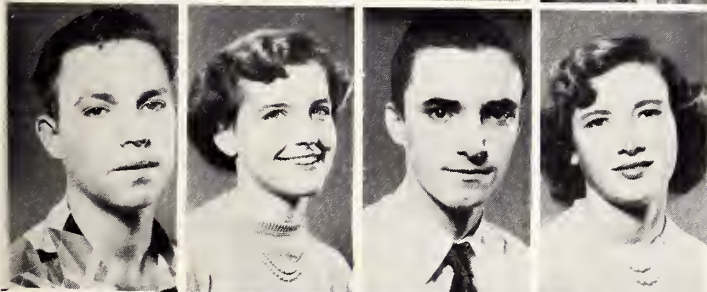
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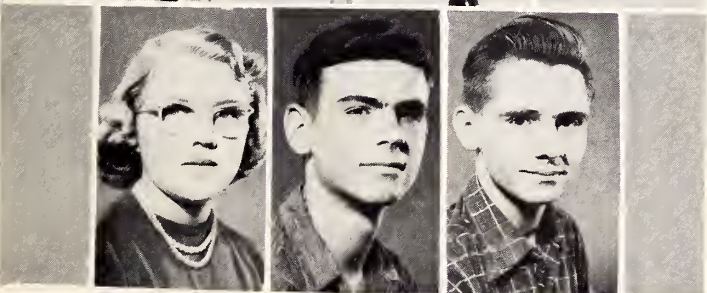
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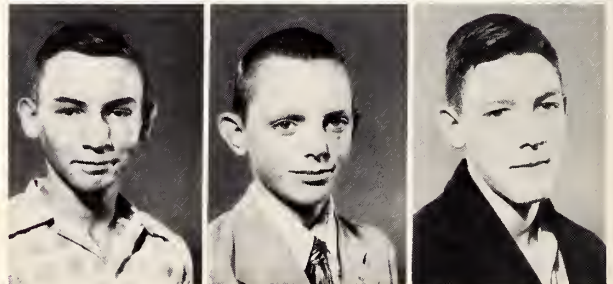
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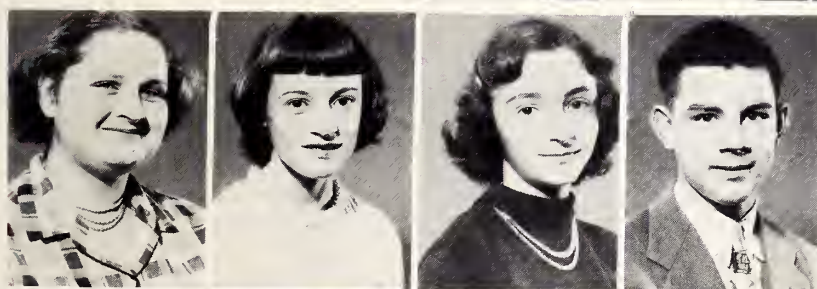
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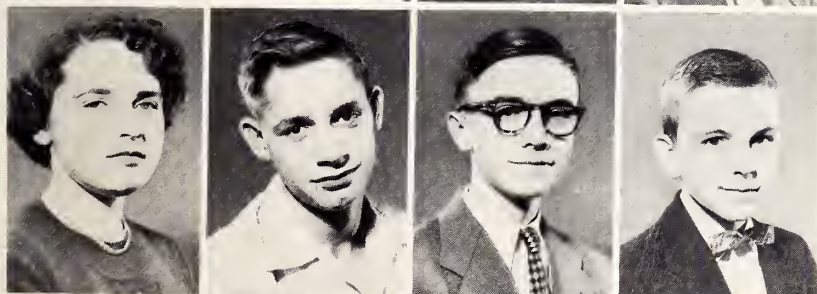
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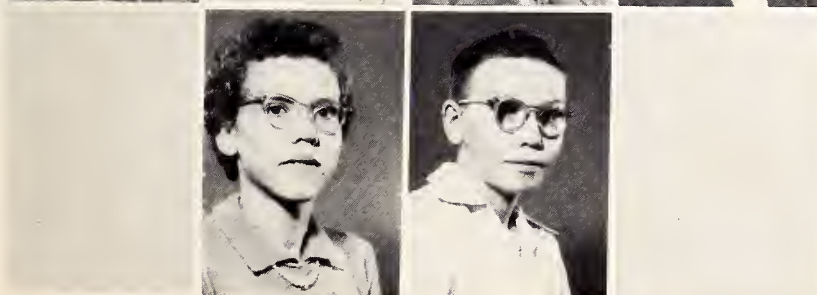
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## GIRLS' BASKETBALL





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MISS JOHNSON FOURTH GRADE





MRS. BUCK FIFTH GRADE



MRS. TUCKER SIXTH GRADE





## MRS. HART SEVENTH GRADE



## MRS. BRAXTON EIGHTH GRADE





MRS. FLETCHER EIGHTH GRADE



JUNIOR GLEE CLUB



### WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATION WORTH?

If you were asked to review your four years in high school and attach a value to your education in dollars and cents, could you do it?

You might be able to figure out how much you paid for lunches, football tickets, and clothes. You might be able to come close to the amount your schooling cost by including taxes, transportation costs, and the like, and adding the sum you might have earned had you gone to work rather than to school. Even so, we think you will find it difficult to put a price tag on your education.

Maybe that's why as you venture forth from your relatively sheltered high school years to college, to your own business, to a respected profession, or to the company of your choice, you should sit back occasionally to think about where you are headed and why. Day dreaming or idle reverie are of little use, but purposeful thinking can pay real dividends. Such thinking makes it possible for you to realize the true value of such things as a high school education, not in dollars and cents, but in fulfilling your life's ambitions.

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Grifton High School got a new gym.

Mr. Brown gave an easy science test.

Colleen Braxton couldn't play basketball.

Mrs. Bunch forgot and lost her temper.

Mrs. Jones never spoke to the students.

Bill and Mac began to act their age.

Mr. Bright dismissed his classes 15 minutes early one day.

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1. James I claimed the throne of England through his grandmother because he had no father.
2. A typographical error is a misstatement. Illustration: A newspaper carried the notice that John Doe was a "defective" on the police force. This was a typographical error. It should have said, "Mr. John Doe is a detective on the police farce."
3. In 1685 the Pilgrims crossed the ocean and this was known as the "Pilgrim's Progress."
4. The government not only has the bad habit of living beyond its income, but also beyond ours.
5. A monastery is a place of monsters.
6. The only thing worth saying is the one that all men know, but which they have forgotten.



~~Hope you are all~~  
Joyce Dennis





